

REMARKS

This amendment is responsive to the Office Action of August 29, 2005. Reexamination and reconsideration of the application are respectfully requested.

The Office Action

Claims 1–26 stand subject to a restriction and/or election requirement.

Election of Claims

Applicant elects the claims in **Group I** (i.e., **claims 1–12 and 20–26**). Therefore, Applicant withdraws the claims in **Group II** (i.e., **claims 13–19**) from further consideration without traverse.

Applicant submits that **claims 1–12 and 20–26** are in condition for allowance. Early notice thereof is respectfully requested.

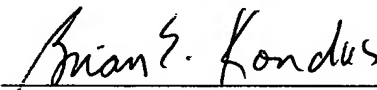
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It is believed that there is no fee associated with the filing and consideration of this amendment. Should the Commissioner decide that any fee or fee deficiency is due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any and all such other fees incurred as a result of entering this amendment and response to deposit account number 03-0172.

Respectfully submitted,

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